

## **Senior Affairs Advisory Board**

### **Minutes**

**Wednesday, August 13, 2003**

Meeting called to order by BJ Curry Spitler.

Members present: Millie Acasio, Flora Calem, Dolli Cutler, Sam Duran, John Patrick Ford, Pauline Gilbert, Laura Impastato, William Liu, Leane Marchese, BJ Curry Spitler, Nicholas Trunzo, Rosemary White-Pope Not present: Joe Horiye Staff: Rudy Fernandez, Diana Gray, Pam Suarez, Suzanne Prevost Guest: Judith Sorrells

### **Discussion:**

The following topics were discussed.

- Introduction of Pam Suarez and Suzanne Prevost from the City's Community and Economic Development Department.
- July 2, 2003 minutes were approved as presented.
- Housing Task Force – The Housing Task Force met in July to develop a statement of purpose and to outline the direction of the task force over the upcoming year. Leane Marchese reported that the Housing Task Force met in July and discussed the direction of the Housing Task Force. The task force decided to focus on the areas of advocacy and on the creation of a panel for the San Diego Housing Conference. More specific goals and objectives to be formulated at the next Housing Task Force meeting in August.
- Transportation Task Force – Rudy Fernandez reported that there is a good chance that the idea to have Seniors Ride Free between the hours 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. will move forward. Rudy has discussed this with Tom Story of the Mayor's Office Transportation section. Tom will work with MTDB to push this process forward. The Mayor and Council are on legislative recess and because of that it is anticipated that there will be a slight delay in moving this forward.
- Transportation Survey – Bill Liu is working to assemble a team of interviewers to conduct the transportation survey he developed on seniors. Sam Duran volunteered to assist Bill with assembling his team of interviewers who will conduct the Transportation Survey over the next two months. This survey will identify areas of the City where seniors reside and will provide information on their specific transportation needs.
- Health Committee Task Force – The Health Committee Task Force met in July to determine what its major focus would be. Currently the task force is focused on the preparation of a fact sheet relative to the different prescription drug proposals. The task force is also monitoring the Medi-Cal cuts. BJ suggested that this information would be good to have on a website.
- Web Site – BJ reported that the work will move forward to develop a web site for the Senior Affairs Advisory Board (SAAB). SAAB could possibly partner with the County of San Diego's Aging and Independence Services which already has a

- comprehensive website. It was decided that SAAB should try to take advantage of this resource that was already in place. Nicholas Trunzo will take the lead in developing a link for SAAB with the County's Aging and Independence Services web site. Nicholas will work with BJ to move this forward.
- Protocol issues were discussed in relation to the Senior Affairs Advisory Board's advocacy role in making statements in support of and/or against any of the issues that come before the board. BJ, Rudy, and Diana will meet to discuss. BJ will report on the protocol that should be followed by the board at the next Senior Affairs Advisory Board meeting.

Announcements/Closing Remarks:

Judith Sorrells (guest) announced that there is a seminar on Medicare as it pertains to Senior's Health on August 26 at CoCo's Restaurant located at 550 Lake Murray Boulevard and another one on August 28<sup>th</sup> at Hometown Buffet located at 390 W. Main Street in El Cajon. Both seminars are scheduled for 10:30 a.m.

Millie Acasio distributed the August edition of "The Scroll".

Next meeting: **September 3, 2003** at 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the **City Administration Building** located at 202 C Street, **12<sup>th</sup> Floor Closed Session Room**, San Diego, CA 92101.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.